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THE LOCAL LEADER'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE 4-H CLUB

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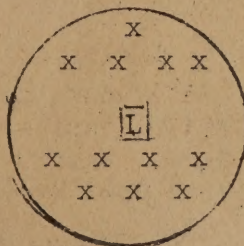
One of the questions that leaders often ask is, "What part do I play in relation to my 4-H Club?" "What specifically is my job?" "What am I to do?"

We might with profit discuss the first question, before talking about the scores of things local leaders do.

What you as a leader do, how you do it, what results you get, and what satisfaction you receive from your work depend in a large measure on how you are related to your group of young people as a 4-H Club.

Which of the following describes your situation? Toward which kind of relationship do you wish to work?

Kind of relationship to club	Now	Work toward or improve
"WE AND OUR" CLUB		
Here the leader is successful when he knows the members well, is interested in them and their projects, is on good terms with each individual, and his parents, but does not control or direct the affairs of the club. He believes that the club belongs to the young people, and that the organization will live longest when it exists for the members' benefit. He says, "Let's go," "Let's find out." "How shall we best do this?" He takes active part in club affairs but does not manage them.		



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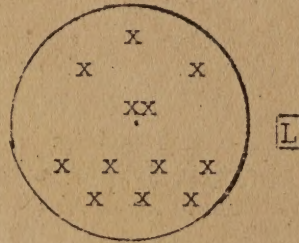
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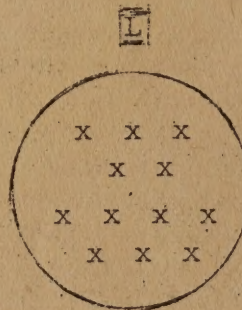
"LEADER-OUT-IN-FRONT" CLUB

Here you are expected to have all the answers, make all the decisions. The leader is out in front, and draws the club behind him. Soon the leader speaks of "My club," which to others may appear as though the club belongs to him. Programs may be planned, but they reflect the leader's wishes only.



"LEADER-BESIDE-THE-CLUB"

Here you move along beside the club and with it. The leader watches the progress, but does not manage all the affairs of the club. He offers suggestions, actively helps to do some work. He is genuinely interested, enjoys being a leader, does not have a feeling of owning the club. He sees that the job is done.



"HANDS-OFF LEADER OR LAISSEZ FAIRE" CLUB

Here the leader sits back, makes no decisions for the group, forces the group and the individuals to chart their own course. Permits good as well as bad decisions, plans and programs to develop. Strong clubs often get stronger under this type of leadership.

